

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning December 21, 2025



Sunday We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. You can join us for worship at **10:30 am** on Zoom.

Faith Forum begins at 9:15 am in the Parish House and on Zoom. The Winter Solstice and Christmas are almost here! Come hear about how Christmas is celebrated in Lithuania with Judy Sabalauskas and enjoy a traditional Lithuanian treat. We know that before Christmas in December, the Winter Solstice arrives. Other than being an astronomical reference point, the longest night and shortest day of the year, what else is the Solstice about and why has it been celebrated as long as there is recorded history...and still celebrated today? What is wassail? Why are holly and ivy significant? The Vikings and Roman Saturnalias, the connections to Christianity? Which Christmas carols are Solstice-related? Come hear about where our current Christmas traditions originate. Enjoy some warm wassail and hear all about the Winter Solstice. "Merry Yule!"

D-Group, for youth entering 6th through 12th grade, meets in the Youth House at 9:15 am. Join us today for food, fun, fellowship, and faith!

After both services, be sure to join us to enjoy **refreshments and fellowship**.

Child care is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.

Wednesday **Christmas Eve:**
Family Service and Christmas Pageant will begin at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Choral Prelude at 10:30 pm

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 pm

Thursday **Christmas Day:** Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Saturday **Quiet Day** sponsored by the Daughters of the King, 9:00 am-Noon

Community Notes . . .

Please take this bulletin home with you!

Greening of the Church will take place immediately following the 10:30 service TODAY. We'll be hanging wreaths, setting up aisle torches, arranging poinsettias, etc. Many hands make light work!

There will be a **Christmas Pageant rehearsal TODAY** after the 10:30 service.

Progress has been made with the **geo-thermal installation in the Parish House**. Well drilling is completed and pipes connecting the 5 wells have been installed under the driveway and into the Parish House crawl space. We'll finish the rough grade where the wells were drilled once the weather turns warmer. Ductwork installation will begin shortly followed by the upgrade of the electrical supply (January). See Dave Murray with any questions.

Due to the 40 West food grant and related activities, **most events in the Undercroft will be moved to the Parish House** for the remainder of 2025.

Dinner for Two Anywhere in the World! Raffle tickets for this raffle are on sale now through Sunday, December 28 for \$20 each. For tickets purchased at St. B's, payments can be cash, check, money order, credit or debit card. We also encourage parishioners to pick up a 10-pack (or 2 or 3!) to sell to friends, neighbors and coworkers. Pick up your 10-pack(s) after both Sunday services through 12/28/25. More information about the raffle is available on the home page of our website. and in printed form in the Parish House after both



Sunday services. Questions or comments? Please contact Amanda Harris at aharris1968@hotmail.com or 443-812-1341 or Michael Mountain at michael.mountain729@gmail.com or 443-683-2792.

Have you been wondering how you best could serve St. B's in a leadership role? We have three open positions for which we need new leaders, and would love to hear from you! We need a new Treasurer, chair of the Stewardship Committee, and chair of the Christianity and Racism Task. Please contact Senior Warden, Amanda Harris: aharris1968@hotmail.com or 443-812-1341.

The deadline for announcements and information for the **email and print versions of What's Happening** is Wednesdays at Noon. The deadline for the January/February **Apostle** is TOMORROW, December 15.

40 West was recently notified that the Maryland Food Bank was designating a \$20,000 food grant to our organization to provide food to our neighbors between NOW and December 31! This food is available to anyone in need without regard to zip code and we are working to quickly make arrangements to purchase extra food and set schedules for packing and distribution. **We will need the help of a lot of volunteers** to pick up the food from stores and bring it to 40 West, and volunteers to help pre-pack the food for distribution, and to help give out the food on our scheduled days of **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00am to 1:00 pm**. If you can help, please contact Glorius Sullivan (chgl@verizon.net) or Bill Webster (director@40west.org) or info@40west.org.

Monday through Saturday at 12:00 Noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner (adam@stbs-md.org).

St. B's is producing a podcast! "Voices in the Vineyard" brings you sermons, musical offerings, prayer, and community updates in a short, 20-30 minute audio format every week. There are many ways you can help us reach a larger audience:

- **Subscribe** to the podcast on [Spotify](#), or [Apple](#), or anywhere you get other podcasts.
- **Rate and review** us. This will put our content in front of more interested listeners.
- **Send it to a friend!**



Find us on your podcast platform of choice or scan the QR code to listen now. Questions or suggestions? Please contact Michael Mountain.

40 West is in need of boxes of cereal. **Help folks with nothing carry home something!** 40 West is always in need of reusable bags! Please, only clean and not torn bags.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

December 27	Quiet Day sponsored by the Daughters of the King, 9:00 am-Noon
January 17	Celebration of the Life of Wayne Selleck, 11:00 am

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.

2026 Offering Envelopes

If you have made a 2026 pledge, please pick up your offering envelopes in the Tower Room.

I AM SACRED SPACE

QUIET DAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 9AM-NOON

LED BY REV. ANGELA FURLONG

CHAPLAIN FOR THE DIOCESE OF MARYLAND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



TRINITY CHAPEL AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S
4711 EDMONDSON AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD 21229



JOIN US AS WE PRAYERFULLY DISCERN AND EMBRACE OUR
PERSONAL SACREDNESS AS BELOVED CREATURES OF GOD.
THIS EXPERIENCE WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER THROUGH
JOURNALING, ART, MOVEMENT AND STILLNESS.



Christmas Worship

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Family Service and Christmas Pageant at 4:00 pm

Choral Preludes and Carols at 10:30 pm

Holy Eucharist at 11:00 pm

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am

Sunday, December 28

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons at 8:00 am

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and Carols at 10:30 am